

Atty Docket No. JCLA7896-D

Serial No. 10/673,005

REMARKS**Present Status of Patent Application**

Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Restriction Order has been carefully considered and hereby elects the species represented by Figure 5.

Further, the Examiner is respectfully informed that a Preliminary Amendment was filed on September 26, 2003, where the Cross-Reference To Related US Application Serial Number 10/050,081 filed on January 15, 2002 was inserted, and Claims 8-19 were canceled and Claims 20-24 were added.

Claims 1-7, 20-24 were previously pending, of which claims 2, 4-5, 21-22 and 24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and the remaining claims 1, 3, 6-7, 20 and 23 are readable on the elected species represented by Figure 5. Examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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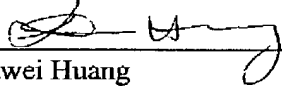
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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